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I am sending in my testimony in opposition of HB3991. Oregonians cannot afford anymore taxes and fees when there is a better way. A special session is meant for an emergency and the current emergency on the table is ODOT workers maintaining the roads. That does not come at the cost of \$5.8 Billion. We need to keep necessary ODOT workers working and the rest can be figured out during the 2026 short session, that is what it is for. Oregon is already is one of the highest taxed states, with one of the highest gas taxes in the nation. To add anymore to Oregonians bills is wrong, especially when the state is not minding their own budget. The Governor seems to think the best way to manage the states budget is to take it out of mine. I do not have anymore to give. The rest of Oregon does not have any more to give. Yes the roads need to be maintained, plowed, potholes filled etc... but that does not take \$5.8 billion. The Republicans have suggested to re-distribute the ODOT budget to maintenance. Legislators are here to make rules and that can be done by coming together, working together and fixing this, but not at the cost of Oregonians. Now is the time for everyone to say NO, I am not going to take it anymore!! Thank you Peggy Rinck